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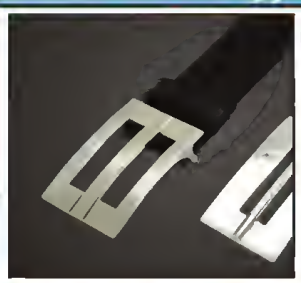

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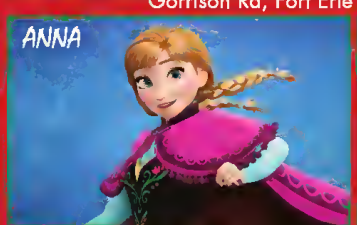

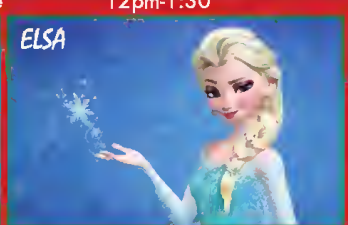

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Spirit of the season

LILLI BARNETT Special to The Times

Four-year-old Vivian Reibel had her picture taken with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus at Boggio and Edwards Ridgeway IDA Pharmacy during Ridgeway Spirit of Christmas on Friday night. For more photos see page 39.

Town gathers input on gateway project

Public can still provide opinion on welcome signs

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie wants to welcome motorists travelling down the Queen Elizabeth Way and the public's input is needed.

Residents were invited to learn more about a project Monday that will see two new welcome signs installed along the Queen Elizabeth Way to alert motorists they are driving along the Fort Erie stretch of the highway. Three information sessions were held at the Fort Erie Public Library and Town Hall.

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Wayne Redekop: 'You have to be positive'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The key to a community's prosperity is a positive attitude.

"You have to be positive," newly elected Mayor Wayne Redekop said.

"You have to look for the positive in any situation. I don't get mired down in things that can't be done. I believe positive people accomplish positive things because of attitude."

Redekop and the Town of Fort Erie's newest council was sworn in on Monday, Dec. 1 during a ceremony held at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall.

This is not the first time Redekop has served as Fort Erie's mayor. He served three terms as mayor from 1997 to 2006.

Redekop, a lawyer, was born and raised in Fort Erie. He studied at the University of Western Ontario and Osgoode Hall Law School and Brown University and currently practices law in town.

Over the course of the last four years, Redekop said Fort Erie "has faced many challenges." But he is up to the task of leading the town to prosperity with the help of Fort Erie's newest council.

"I believe that Fort Erie will be thriving in the future," Redekop said.

"I want to make sure we prosper and create employment opportunities."

Looking ahead, Redekop plans to develop a strategic plan to identify "the important issues and priorities" such as education, tourism and development for council and to develop strategies to address those needs in the 2015 budget.

"One of those things I would like to do is establish a waterfront strategy."

The newly elected mayor wants to identify the community's waterfront resources, opportunities for infrastructure improvements and take advantage of government grants.

He also plans to establish a tourism strategy "to identify resources, attractions, events and programs."

"I'd also like to look at how to create new events and programs and I want to know who in the community would be interested in getting involved in that."

Redekop noted Old Fort Erie, the Fort Erie Race Track, the Miller's Creek Marina and the proposed Canadian Motor Speedway "are a big part of the picture of Fort Erie's future."

He said it is important to let people know these "magnificent attractions" exist in Fort Erie to draw more visitors and new residents.

"I believe we can attract new residents. We have all kinds of recreational opportunities. This is a great place to live and raise a family."

The town "needs to do a better job of marketing" what it has to offer.

"We need to put together a strategy to get the investment this town needs," Redekop said.

"I think the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation is doing that. The next step is to focus on a strategy and identify targets that will keep us going."

Over the course of the next four years, Redekop said it's important for residents, both young and old, to become involved with the Town of Fort Erie.

"I need to rely on not just the councillors, not just the staff, but the people in the community," Redekop said.

"I believe we can get many people involved in the community. Fort Erie is renowned for people stepping up. We need more people to step up."

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'If you love your work, it's not really a job'

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Redekop said the decisions of today's council will have an impact on future generations so it is essential that youth pay attention to what's happening at town hall.

"What we're doing today is for them (today's youth) down the road and that's why I want them to get involved."

Redekop would like to improve communication between residents and town staff.

"We will look at ways we can approve communications through the town's website with respect to the things that councillors are deliberating and making changes to existing bylaws. We want to make sure people are aware of events."

Redekop said council "will seriously look at the need" for a public relations position with the Town of Fort Erie.

"Communication from a media person is an important element of informing the public," he said.

"We do need to get the message out to inform people."

Redekop also envisions an updated web site for the Town of Fort Erie that features a community calendar.

"It's something that we have that needs to be redeveloped," he said about a new web site for the town.

"(A community calendar) Is also very important because there are a lot of events in Fort Erie and some are held the same day. I have heard from a number of sources that we need improvements," he added.

Redekop would also like to see Fort Erie offer post-secondary programs.

Wayne Redekop

"We will establish a working group for that," he said.

Redekop is looking forward to working with his fellow councillors.

"From what I've seen so far, I'm very impressed with our council," he said.

"During orientation and the few meetings we've had, they have all asked good questions, they are earnest to learn and I think we have a good chemistry which is terribly important."

At times, Redekop expects his schedule will be hectic but he said he loves representing Fort Erie.

"If you love your work, it's not really a job," he said. "It's easy to put in the time and the hours if you love what you do."

Ridgeway Lions to serve free turkey dinners

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all of the fixings courtesy of the Ridgeway Lions Club.

Every year, the service organization serves up a piping hot meal free of charge for families and individuals in need, Lions Club member Bruce Schinkel said.

Anyone who desires good food and fellowship is welcome to enjoy a holiday meal on Dec. 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre.

"Last year, we served about 250 people and we think we will have about the same number this year," Schinkel said.

"The dinner will have all the trimmings, turkey, potatoes, gravy and stuffing."

Schinkel said the Lions host the dinner because "there is a great need for it in the community."

The dinner is meant to give people who aren't able to cook a big holiday dinner, or others who will be alone on Christmas an opportunity to eat a great meal.

About 33 volunteers have signed on to cook, serve and clean the community centre.

People who need a ride can pick up a voucher for free bus rides at local businesses including Avondale and organizations such as Community Outreach Program Erie, the Salvation Army and South Niagara Life Ministries.

Lions Club member Fred Reece said he is thankful for all the support the community has given to help the service organization host the free meal.

The Lions Club has also received eight turkeys from the Riverside Lions Club in Buffalo, N.Y.

Anyone who would like to assist the Lions club with donations of food can call Fred Reece at 905-894-2838.

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The Riverside Lions Club from Buffalo, N.Y. donated eight turkeys to the Ridgeway Lions Club, which will be cooked by chef Peter Grantham and served at the service organization's free holiday meal on Dec. 22 at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. From left, Bob Goulding, past president Fred Reece, chairman Bruce Schinkel and Robbie Robinson.

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Consortium to ask Town for funds to support racetrack

In a letter addressed to Fort Erie's newly elected council, Sue Leslie, the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium's president, said the consortium intends to ask councillors to consider supporting the Fort Erie Race Track with a grant worth $500,000 when 2015 budget deliberations begin.

Last year, the council of the day gave $500,000 in funding so racing could continue in Fort Erie. The consortium, a non-profit group that operates the track, thanked the previous council for providing the funding.

The current council isn't committed to making the same contribution to the consortium.

In her letter, Leslie said the province of Ontario previously wouldn't commit to racing in Fort Erie "before April of each year."

However, the FELRC now has a commitment from the province for the next for years.

In September, Jeff Leal, minister of agriculture, food and rural affairs, said the Fort Erie Race Track will host a minimum of 37 race days in 2015. The number of race days will be determined in the Consortium's application that is subject to approval by the Ontario Racing Commission.

New venue for Tommy O

Singer Tommy O will still perform broadway medleys and Christmas hits next week but the venue for the concert has changed.

The artist is set to perform on Friday, Dec. 12 at Rina's Place, 1206 Dominion Rd., at 8 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are $40 per person or $300 for a table of eight people.

Proceeds from Tommy O's December show will support St. Vincent De Paul's Christmas hamper program. For more information call Sandra Bracci at 905-977-0323.

Community showcase

Students of Down The Rabbit Hole Theatre Company are set to perform on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Patty Plato and Rose Petran for identifying Muriel Ullmer in last week's photo. Rose tells us that her Aunt Muriel was very involved in Trinity Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School and played the organ. Both our callers remember that Muriel and her husband John owned Ineson's on Gilmore Road when that photo was taken in 1981. Muriel and John told us that in addition to Ineson's, they also owned the North End Confectionery.

Yes that was Debbie (Murphy) Barrett in the previous week's photo taken at the blood donor clinic. Debbie was such a dedicated blood donor, that she still has her blood donor cards and was able to tell us that the photo was taken April 15, 1975!

Do you now have little ones learning to skate or perhaps this a photo of you doing just that. Are you in this week's photo or can you tell us who these two are and where the photo was taken? Please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Where have all the hedge rows in Fort Erie gone?

Where have all the fence rows and earlier hedge rows in Greater Fort Erie gone?

Rick Doan and I often drove the back fields of old Bertie and Humberstone Townships this past year. Open fields, everywhere.

Where once sturdy fences and, yes, hedgerows marked property lines are gone forever.

However, this article is about hedgerows not here but in Britain. My wife's cousin, Brian Sledge, took us along the back roads south of Bristol City toward Devonshire. Think big!

I drove and Brian directed us through farm and garden areas. Twelve feet high hedgerows of thick, sharply spiked Hawthorns blocked our views of the interior fields. These huge hedges were on both sides of the road. It was like driving in a long tunnel.

Every so often, Brian would have us pull into a driveway.

Earl Plato

We draw sbeep and cattle held in by the monumental hawthorn hedges.

We saw beautiful farms across the landscape mostly separated by stone fences. That was over 30 years ago. It has changed dramatically in 2014. Brian Sledge told us that since Second World War British farmers began "grubbing up" hedgerows to increase farming acreage. Makes sense for valuable potential farm land was added with the removal of these giant hedgerows.

Here in Greater Fort Erie and in Port Colborne the removal of fence rows and hedges gave the farmers added surprisingly cultivating space.

Here are some excerpts from National Geographic. " The removal of hedgerows has slowed thanks to ardent conservationists..."

Why?

"Hedgerows protect a great variety of plants and animals. More than 800 kinds of plants from the Common Cowslip to rare ferns and orchids have been found in Britain's hedges. Most of Britain's woodland birds use hedgerows at least some of the time. Small mammals need the protection of the hedgerows. House mice, dormice, shrews, weasels, voles all depend on hedgerows as places to breed, hunt or for shelter. Hedgehogs are still found within the hedges. Slow moving many are killed on the narrow country roads. We saw and examined two of the spiny creatures. But wait! Who has money and power to save these ancient hedgerows?

The rich gentry who love to fox hunt. Guess where the wily fox lives.

Most of these hunted animals well in the hedgerows! Guess who is fighting further destruction of the hedgerows? Money and power talk.

The wily fox lives on as do the wealthy riders who carry out their many fox hunts. Of course many hedgerows too are saved.

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Yes, many years ago I hunted pheasants who found refuge in our fence rows. With my .410 shotgun the late Bill Osborne and I roamed the fields west of Split Rock road. We would approach a fence row and surely enough we flushed up pheasants. Their protective sites were our fencerows back then.

Hawthorn hedges in rural Britain

They have been removed over the years. Rick Doan and I this past week we saw hundreds of Acres locally without fence rows. No protection for game birds, rabbits, foxes, weasels, mice and voles. It's a new world in farmers ' fields locally.

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Take a trip to Devonshire, England view those still towering hedgerows.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie and an author.

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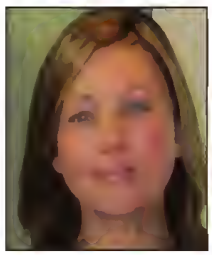
Advocacy group aims to put an end to poverty

South Coast Residents Against Poverty have taken on 'a massive problem'



Rhonda Barron

There's a community advocacy group in our town that wants to end poverty.

No doubt the South Coast Residents Against Poverty, SCRAP for short, have taken on a massive problem.

Putting an end to poverty means big changes. And they know it's no easy task.

They also know they are not alone in their call to action.

Many communities across Ontario and Canada are aligning their activities with provincial and national campaigns like Dignity for All, Campaign 2000, Hunger Awareness Week, Put Food in the Budget and Poverty Free Ontario.

The approach is to be local capacity builders for the poverty reduction work that is already going on.

I believe this is the ticket to effective advocacy.

When communities organize and align their actions, when they communicate the same message to the public and the media and make the same asks of their politicians, it creates a common agenda.

Call it solidarity.

But this kind of support or capacity building is what's needed to bring in new policies that will ultimately reshape the society we live in.

Since forming last January, SCRAP participated in the Let's Vote for a Poverty Free Ontario sign campaign leading up to the last provincial election; they were active during Hunger Awareness Week last May and in October they participated in Dignity for All's Chew On this Campaign.

They know the root cause of hunger is poverty - they work to make sure others know as well.

Their latest initiative looks at the stigma of poverty, or what some would call 'poor bashing.' Working with their sister advocacy groups in St. Catharines and Port Colborne, this social-justice minded team of people collected examples of how individuals are stigmatized when living in poverty.

Sadly there were no shortage of examples, so they've chosen three issues to tackle first.

Stopping the stigma, encouraging people to think about the root causes of poverty and calling for public policy changes.

I believe this kind of action is facilitating a paradigm shift that will ultimately lead to eradicating poverty.

A famous anthropologist named Margaret Mead once said, "never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world.

Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." A fitting motto for this small but mighty group of individuals.

If you want to be part of the change, join SCRAP at one of their monthly meetings.

Beginning in January, they will be meeting the third Wednesday of every month, 11-1:30 p.m. at Bridges Community Health Centre located at 1485 Garrison Rd.

A complimentary lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Bridges Community Health Centre at 905-871-7621 ext. 2226.

Rhonda Barron is a health promoter for Bridges Community Health Centre.

Library offers creative activities during month of December

Come and make your own holiday decorations

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

At the Fort Erie Public Library, we know that it is not just adults who are excited about making gifts and crafts for the holidays.

Do you know about Rainbow Loom?

If you have friends or family between the ages of , say, seven and 17, I'm sure you do!

It is a clever, creative crafting system that uses tiny bands to make original items to decorate jewelry and even Christmas trees!

Children at all three library branches will have an opportunity this week to make a holiday charm or bracelet on the Rainbow Loom.

Today at the Stevensville branch, Monday at the Centennial branch and Tuesday at Crystal Ridge, with each session beginning at 3:30 p.m., bands, patterns and a limited number of looms will be supplied.

Bring your own loom if you have one, bring along a friend, and have a great time making your own holiday creation.

Please register ahead, as space is limited for these $2 programs.

Another terrific chance for young people to get creative is at the Thursday evening Knitting Maker Space for ages 8 to 14, held at 6:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch. These sessions for learning or practicing knitting are free, with all materials supplied by ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute.

Adults and older teens have their opportunity for knitting help and guidance on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

Videogametournaments are a popular, free monthly event at the Centennial branch, where the XBox 360 and PS3 are busy most days after school.

On Dec. 13, kids ages 10 and up will play an NHL 15 marathon session to determine the ultimate virtual hockey player.

Stop by soon to select your team, and be ready to start on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. for bracketing. May the best player win!

The holidays are especially magical for the youngest of all, and on Wednesday, Dec. 17, little ones ages two and up may enjoy special stories and a craft to celebrate. Registration is required for this Holiday Story and Craft program, and $2 per child or $5 per family will be asked for materials.

Interesting films for adults and teens are offered this week.

Most of us have heard of Burt's Bees products, but who is Burt?

Burt's Buzz is an intimate look at the world of Burt Shavitz, the face and co-founder of Burt's Bees.

Wise, wry, ornery and opinionated, Shavitz is committed to living off the land and keeping true to his humble beginnings despite celebrity status. This documentary exposes the collision between business and personal values in one man's life. Burt's Buzz will play this evening at 6:30 at the Centennial branch, and encore on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch.

The Maze Runner, playing on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch, is the story of Thomas, a teen who wakes up in an enclosed environment, remembering nothing but his own name. He and 60 other boys are trying to find a way to escape through the Maze that surrounds their living space.

There are some great, fast-paced action scenes, particularly those involving the nightmarish Grievers.

End your tech nightmares when staff members offer training and troubleshooting help with your own e-reader, mobile device or laptop in a free, drop-in session on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

All branches of the library will be open on Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The web site is open 24/7 for browsing, placing holds and downloading books, music and magazines at www.fepl.ca.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Project will cost $200,000 for both welcome signs

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Carla Stout, the town's transit program manager, said a handful of people attended the information sessions.

The public was provided with three designs that incorporate different symbols to represent the entire town.

"When you look at the designs, they reference each community in the town but the overall theme is the unity of the community," Stout said.

In each design four windows symbolize the communities of Crystal Beach, Fort Erie, Ridgeway and Stevensville. Each design also incorporates the town's logo to unify the entire town.

When a design is chosen, it will be submitted to council for approval in the 2015 budget.

Stout said the town will spend $200,000 on both signs. One sign will be installed at both the Central Ave. and Townline Rd. entrances to Fort Erie.

Stout encourages the public to learn more about the project and provide comments online at www.town.forterie.ca.

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SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Transit program manager Carla Stout educated the public about three designs for the Town of Fort Erie's welcome signs which will be installed along the Fort Erie stretch of the Queen Elizabeth Way in 2015 if it's approved in the budget. To view all of the designs or to leave feed back for town staff visit online at www.town.forterie.ca for more information.

Niagara Parks Commission to conduct market study for Miller's Creek Marina

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

After gathering public input, the Niagara Parks Commission is ready to move forward with the next steps in the redevelopment of Miller's Creek Marina.

The NPC will undertake a market demand and environment study that will consider a number of ways the public uses the facility based on comments from an information session held in June at Old Fort Erie, NPC chairman Janice Thomson said.

During that session, 70 people attended and 44 people completed a questionnaire.

The questionnaire revealed respondents were 98% in favour of having seasonal boating services, 95% were in favour of ensuring continuity of the parkway and trail and 88% said any development should be considerate of neighbours in the surrounding community.

About 55% of the respondents were in favour of non-boating recreation and 48% were in favour of adding beach or shoreline related activities as part of a future proposal.

The respondents listed seasonal slips, a boat launch, parking, public washrooms, a snack bar, transient slips, a human-powered boat launch with a dock and a café and picnic area as high priorities.

The lowest preferences received from respondents were offerings such as camping, fine dining, beach volleyball and a dog run.

The study will examine ways to improve the marina that will maximize water-based recreation, enhance public access along the Niagara shoreline, ensure financial stability and conform to planning policy and regulations, Thomson said.

"The NPC is committed to make sure we follow our mandate and offer a fair and public process. We had public open houses an opportunities for people to give input and that will continue thoroughout the process."

While this examination takes place, NPC will move to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, in order to facilitate the continued daily operations of the marina for the 2015 and 2016 boating seasons. The current agreement with a third party management group is set to expire in April of 2015, and this RFP process will ensure the continued operation and maintenance of the marina, while the market demand and environmental study is underway.

"The NPC recognizes the importance of the waterfront that is of great benefit to the public," Thomson said.

"We want to ensure the continued public enjoyment of those lands," she added.

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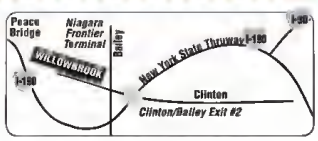

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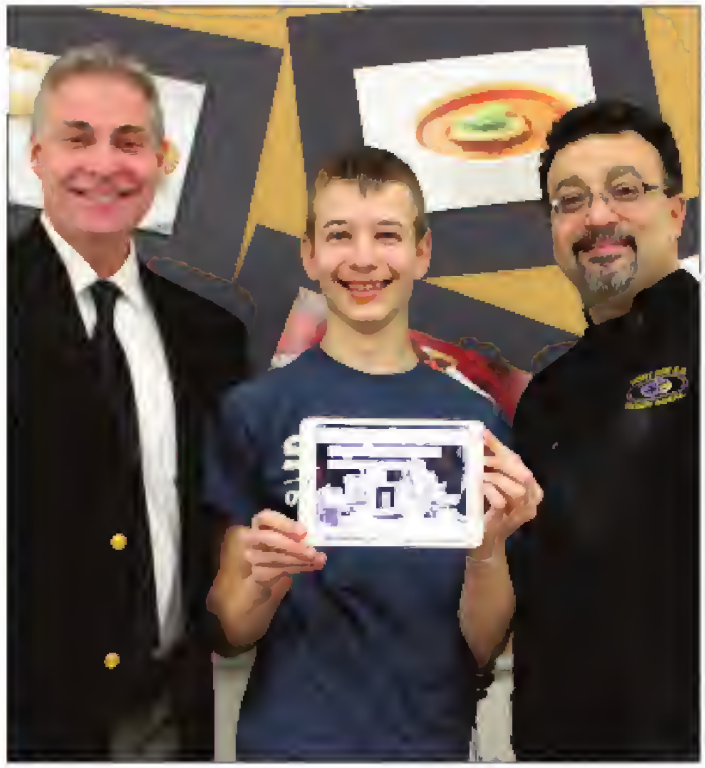

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Grade 10 student Jason Haywood (centre) developed a web site for Fort Erie Secondary School's student-run Pomegranate Restaurant. Beside him stands FESS vice-principal Crane Gittins and culinary teacher Afshin Keyvani.

High school restaurant goes high tech

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Secondary School's student-run restaurant has gone high tech.

Food connoisseurs can find out what the high school's culinary students are serving up each week at the Pomegranate Restaurant by going online and visiting the restaurant's new web site.

Grade 10 student Jason Haywood approached the school's culinary teacher, Afshin Keyvani, and asked if he was interested in having a web site for the restaurant.

"It turns out, Mr. Keyvani did and he gave me free range. I could do anything I wanted."

The web site's design is a simple one—with a white background and plenty of photos that showcase the culinary students' delicious work.

"I did it (designed the web site) by how I felt. I liked to play around with a lot of things to see how they looked on the screen," Haywood said.

The high school student enjoys photography and has spent the last few years training himself in the art.

"I have just always loved the opportunity to be creative and photography has allowed me to do that."

With his passion for design and photography combined, Haywood began building the student restaurant's new web site in October and has spent "a fair amount of hours" on it.

The web site features weekly menus, the ability to make a reservation and to learn more about how the students are engaged in the community and cooking outside of the kitchen.

"This makes us official," Keyvani said about the Pomegranate's debut on the internet.

"FESS is a great school in every aspect, and our restaurant—The Pomegranate—is unique. We have good kids and we try to highlight their skills. Allowing Jason an opportunity to build a web site for the Pomegranate is just one way we can do that."

Visit the Pomegranate Restaurant at www.thepomegranaterestaurant.com.

Learn about mental health

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Dan Silver wants to educate Niagara residents about mental health issues.

That's why the social worker, psychotherapist and teacher is offering free workshops to the public. The workshops are offered through the Family Mental Health Support Network of Niagara. The group has been offering sessions that discuss a variety of topics including mental illness and substance abuse, coping skills, communicating with an ill family member, keys to wellness, community resources, medications and non-violent crisis intervention, since 1996.

Silver said the workshops teach people about self-care for caregivers, understanding the symptoms of mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and mood and anxiety disorders and how to navigate the health care system to get the best services available for an ill family member.

Silver knows firsthand what it is like to care for a loved one with a mental illness.

"I decided years ago that I would go back to school and study social work," Silver said.

"I went back because my brother was sick with schizophrenia and he died because of it about 20 years ago."

Silver said his brother didn't have the support, or the medical care he required to manage his mental illness.

"Being educated on mental health is important," Silver said.

"An uneducated family does more harm than good. We can educate families so they can help their loved ones instead of unintentionally hurting them."

Workshops will be held in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Welland, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines and participants will be made aware of the locations when they register.

Registration for these workshops are required. Limited space is available. To register, or for more information call 905-894-6808.

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From the gardener's journal: see the beauty of the outdoors

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

I have so enjoyed all the decorations that are springing up now.

Some of you folk are organized and maybe 'early' and others are into the season with energy.

It takes time and effort to decorate and I applaud all the beauty I see.

Having spent so much of my own life in an office situation I am enjoying all the outdoor time now.

And of course the time spent in the greenhouse with blooms and indoor growth.

We are trying to keep some of these tropicals warm and thriving while the weather turns chilly. There is a challenge in this task with the 'wild life' and the change in environment for the tropicals.

By 'wild life' I mean the 'Mickey and Minnie' who also desire to live in the warmth and shelter.

This past week every time I opened the greenhouse door one of the mice would briefly appear and then dive for cover. These days I have some time alone with my responsibilities and find myself talking to the mice as they hide from me.

I paused to think about that change in my life. I used to direct many sales staff and they fled from me too at times and now I am waging a little battle to rescue certain plants from the hungry mice and the mice flee from me. The old saying some things don't change could apply here.

Part of the growing challenge is to know when to admit defeat and when to celebrate success.

Watching the winter vegetables thriving in the chill and harvesting them for fresh salads has been a delight.

My first year in trying this challenge and I think it is successful.

Saving seeds and keeping cuttings of the fresh herbs has been a success.

Continuing to encourage bird life with suet has been a success. Keeping 'Minnie and Mickey' from devouring certain plantings—well, so far not successful. As my husband likes to remind me, they have to live too.

And so do many of the creatures that inhabit the outdoors.

I thought it would be useful to remind ourselves to feed birds and other small creatures while the colder weather comes.

Often the small can find their own food but it doesn't hurt to encourage life with some small aid. Here are a few tips, I know many of you have many more to share:

Homemade suet for birds:
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup lard
- 1 cup raisins

In a medium bowl mix the dry ingredients. Then add water, mix. Put peanut butter and lard in a small bowl and microwave for two minutes.

Then add to the cornmeal mixture along with the raisins. Refrigerate for two hours, then you can share it with your flying friends.

Three Ingredient Suet:
- 1/3 loaf stale bread
- 1 can fruit cocktail
- 1/2 cup peanut butter

In food processor break bread along with fruit cocktail.

Mix with peanut butter (you may want more or less depending on the bread) Place in mesh bags and hang in branches.

It seems like all the creatures love this one.

I think we also need to help out with another very 'seasonal' 'flower'—the red bloom of the Salvation Army.

Some years ago I added up what my coffee out cost and put that equivalent into the kettles in the month of December.

Sometimes I had to cut back on my coffee outings to achieve the giving goal for the month.

Little did I know how much our children watched me. My daughter recently shared how she will contribute to every kettle she sees because that became a habit in our home, in our lives.

If all of us did just a little each time I think there would be a great difference in the great work the Salvation Army does.

Maybe give them a call this week and see how you can help our community.

Keeping in mind this is the season for sharing and caring—thank you to all who contribute thoughts and suggestions and encouragement. I so appreciate your kind words and intelligent wisdom. I hope this is one of the best Christmas seasons for you and yours.

Until next week,keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

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How to Cook a Turkey

A recipe collection from Mrs. Thomas' & Mrs. Traves' classes at Garrison Road School

Mrs Traves' 2/3 Class

First get the turkey then cut the fat off the turkey Put the turkey on a tray and take out all the stuff inside Then cook it.
Omar

Step 1 Go to a shop and get a turkey
Step 2 then come home and unwrap the turkey
Step 3 Now you put the turkey in the oven and cook about 30 minits.
Step 4 When it is done take it out and wait for it to cool
Step 5 When it's cool cut it and you are redy to srve.
Maddy

I would put the turkey in the uvin and while its cooking you can get thins and put them on the side of the turkey and then take the turkey out of the uvin and spred grave on it
Logan

Cut a turkey into 4 squares and put it in a slow cooker Put it to 12 minits After its cooked put it on a plate Take a fork and knife and cut the turkey Then you eat it.
Sean

You get a metal board and put the turkey on it. Then put it in the oven and wate about three howers then you get it out.
McKenna

You get a metal board and put the turkey on it. Then put it in the oven for about three hours then you get it out. Then you eat it
Sarah

Put the turkey in the uffin and waite about 12 minits Then you take it out of the uffin put it on a plat and cut it up.
Charlie

Put the turkey in the ovin en then you tate it out wen its dun Cut it for how many pepol you have at your house then eat it.
Kailg

Cut it up then you put it in the oven for about 12 minutes then put it on the plates.
Then get a fork and eat it.
Kaleb

Buy a turkey and bring it home and put sezning on the turkey and put it in the oven for about 2 hwers See it it is retey It it isn't ceap on cooking then when the turkey is rety take it out and cut it.
Amelia

Pot in the oven and chec it evre 10 minits tack the tepachur of the turkey it it is hot anuf tack it out of the oven and let it cool dow n it you wont to it you don't let it cool down then it will bee hot it you let it cool then it wont bee hot
Holley

First get a turkey Next put it in the oven Then time it for 1 minit then take the turkey out Then get a turkey baster then use the turkey baster finsaly eat it !
Jack

First you put the turkey on the stove and fill the stuffing it Ten you fill the turkey wil a kind of sace that goes with it. And then put the turkey in the oven and cook it for 10 min Then whe the 10 min is done you cut up the turkey and let it cool down When it is done cooling down you put some sace on it and put some more on the plates and EAT IT UP !
Serenity

Put stuffing in a turkey heat oven to 150 degrees and wait 10 minits Put the turkey in the oven wait one hour for the turkey to cook. Take the turkey out with oven mitts Grab the turkey baster and put grease one top Wait for the turkey to cool put food around the turkey set the table and enjoy !
Warren

Put the turkey in to the oven then tipe in the nembers and let it cook When its done stick a medle sharp thing into the turkey then if it is good inside it's is done
Alexandria

First put the turkey in the oven and put it at 21 And when the oven beps tac the turkey out of the oven and eat it
Matthew

Peel the skin off then put the stuffing n after you put the stuffing in you uput in tin for 15 minuts then your done
Taylor

The first thing my grandma does is put stuffing in the turkey The she washes it next she puts it in the oven for maybe an hour We then cut it up to eat. I like to dip it in ranch dressing.
Korde

Put the turkey in the oven Put in for about 10 minutes. Cut it up Put stuffing in it. Put gravy all over it Eat turkey with your family.
Dakota

Mr Thomas' 3/4 Class

Take a Turkey an put it in the oven for two hours wen it is Done Then Cook the Stuffing Wean it is done put the Stuffing in the Turkey, then serve the turkey at The Table.
Skye P

Step 1 Put the turkey into the oven for 2 minits
Step 2 Fry the turkey
Step 3 Put saus on the turkey to make it nice and jusiy
Branden

Put the Turkey in the uvin for 30 minats then take it out and take the bones out With a nife and fock and kut it up. Put some on one plaet and put some on the other plast
Owen H

Put the turkey on a pan put it in the oven Set the Tempeture to 100 then press start then press stop and take the pan out of the oven and put it on the counter table Let it cool of and then eat it That's how I would cook a turkey
Aliken N

Take the turkey out of the freezer and put it in the sink to thew for an hour When the hour is up you have to make a hole then you make the stuffing and put it inside the hole. When all the stuffing is in the hole you put the turkey in the oven for 6 hours After 6 hours take the turkey out
Tatianea

Take the turkey and put it in the oven for about 5 hours When it's done cooking take it out and let it cool When it is done cooling out it and eat
Joseah

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I wood put lime and lemon on the terkey and salt and pepper I wood get a pan and put it on at five for half an hour
Lincoln

First I would get the turkey from the store Then I would cut the turkeys skin off Next I would put it in the oven Then put it on a plate
Daylin

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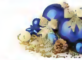

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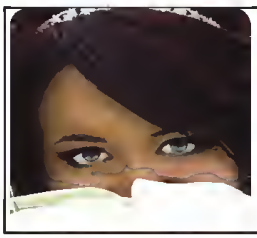

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Gates: 'We have a real problem and I believe we have to come up with a strategy'

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Gates said he has heard from a number of constituents with Lyme disease, including Wilson, and doesn't believe they should have to leave the country for a diagnosis or treatment.

"We have a real problem here and I believe we have to come up with a strategy, an overall plan to make sure Ontarians and Canadians are being taken care of," Gates said. "I don't think you should have to go to the States to be told that you have Lyme disease, and here's the medication you need. We should be able to do that right here."

Rossana Magnotta, who heads the G. Magnotta foundation, which is named in memory of her husband, Gabe, who died as a result of Lyme disease in 2009, said an Ontario strategy is a step in the right direction.

"What's really important about this motion ... is that (Mantha) wants ... the patient groups and their experts to be part of this (strategy)," Magnotta said. "I didn't want it to all go back in government hands again because right now we have the status quo because it's only been government that's been involved."

Magnotta has been raising money to establish a Lyme disease research centre at Humber River Hospital, which is under construction in north-end Toronto and is slated to open in fall 2015.

Wilson expects to continue intravenous treatment until March and faces an indeterminate period after that before she recovers her health.

"Lyme disease is here and it's not going to go anywhere," Wilson said. "Citizens and people who reside in Canada need to be treated, treated fairly and justly."

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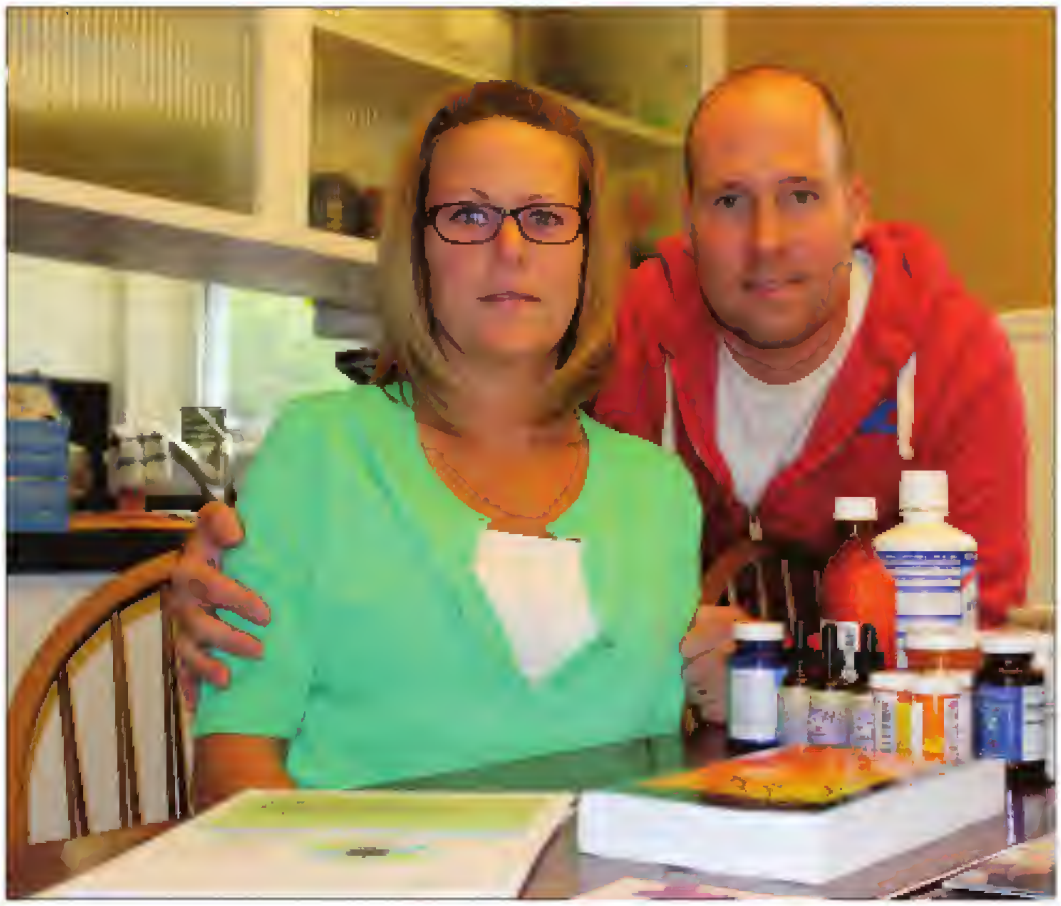

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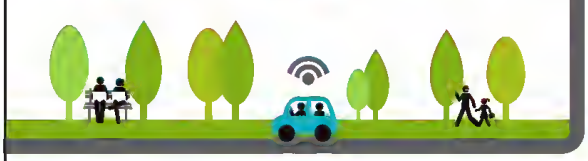

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Community group recognizes historical significance of Queen's Circle

Ryan Gaio
Special to The Times

The sun cast a lovely and welcome glow upon the large crowd who gathered at Queen's Circle Park Sunday afternoon to witness the official re-dedication ceremony for the Circle's commemorative plaque.

Last summer, members of the Friends of Crystal Beach, a volunteer group committed to beach and waterfront preservation, the beautification of public spaces, and community promotion, noticed that the Circle's commemorative plaque had gone missing.

A team ofcommunity members, spearheaded by June Chipp, banded together to have the plaque replaced.

The plaque was originally installed in 1999 in an effort to rejuvenate Queen's Circle Park, a site of great historical significance to the town, having once served as a community meeting point that predated the legendary amusement park.

"This plaque brings forward the historical importance of the site," said Chipp. "It shows that this community cares about its history."

RYAN GAIO Special to The Times

June Chipp, centre, who organized the effort to reinstate a plaque at Queen's Circle Park, with Bob Steckley and Cathy Herbert, two of the many gracious returning donors.

The Friends of Crystal Beach were able to have an exact replica of the plaque recreated from a photograph of the original. Many of the previous donors generously offered to return as financial sponsors, with the remainder of the balance being funded by the Friends of Crystal Beach.

In attendance were several notable speakers, including Councillor Don Lubberts, Mayor Wayne Redekop, and Bob Steckley, one of the original donors kindly returning to fund the new plaque. While speaking, Steckley reminded attendees that, just as a circle has no beginning and no end, there is no beginning nor end to the spirit of the Crystal Beach community – a sentiment permanently engraved upon the plaque.

The ceremony also featured a performance by the Crystal Beach Public School Choir, who entertained the crowd with Christmas carols and "This Land Is Your Land."

As their voices sang out the refrain "This land was made for you and me" in unison, their singing reinforced the sense of community spirit surrounding the event. As a result of the hard work and dedication of Crystal Beach's committed volunteers, this new plaque can, as June Chipp hopes, allow Queen's Circle Park to "carry on its tradition" as a centre for community involvement.

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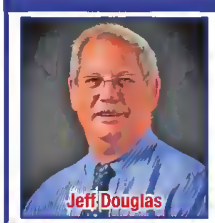

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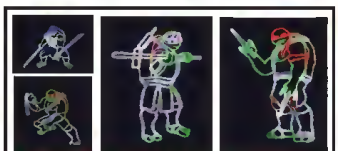
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Special to The Times

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Celebrate 200 years of peace on Christmas Eve

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Bells will toll on Christmas eve to signal 200 years of peace between Canada and the U.S.

Heritage Arts Legacy member Ruby Smith wants bells across the Niagara corridor to chime in on the celebration.

That's why the Heritage Arts Legacy has teamed up with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 in Fort Erie to ring the historical bell that resides at the legion on Garrison Rd. on Christmas eve. The bell will ring out at 4:14 p.m., around the same day and time that the treaty of Ghent was signed in Belgium thus putting an end to the war.

Smith said the bell that will be rung once hung proudly atop of the former St. John School in Fort Erie in the 1850s.

"It eventually went up the hill to Douglas School which is now the Douglas Heights Senior Centre," Smith said.

From there, the bell came to stay at Fort Erie's old town hall on Queenston St. where it was used to alert residents of fires.

The bell was called to serve in the Second World War when it was used on a frigate that escorted ships from St. John's to Ireland.

"The bell was used to alert soldiers of danger as they travelled waters infested with German subs," according to Smith.

After the war, Smith said many people didn't know what happened to the bell.

But it was eventually returned to its native Fort Erie where it came to reside at the legion.

Smith wants everyone with a bell to join in the celebration and ring a bell at the same time.

"There will be about 40 churches in the Buffalo area that will be ringing bells alongside us."

"I want to start a movement," Smith said. "I really believe that this could be an annual event so that our history isn't forgotten."

"No one realizes the importance of what the War of 1812 veterans did," Smith said.

"It's because of them that a country called Canada was born."

Branch 71 will be open on Christmas eve from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Historical information about the bell will be available.

Smith encourages everyone to take some time from their holiday celebrations "even if it's just two minutes to witness the ringing of the bell."

It's because of these courageous solders that Canada exists, she said.

"I think it's the least that we could do for them."

If anyone is interested in ringing a bell or volunteering their time for the event, Smith encourages these individuals to contact her by e-mail Smith at rubes@heritageartslegacy.com.

sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Heritage Arts Legacy members Marlene Magee and Ruby Smith with Royal Canadian Legion president Larry Graber (centre) invite the public to ring a bell on Christmas Eve to symbolize 200 years of peace between Canada and the U.S.

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In memory of Sophiee

CHRIS MCCOOEY Special to The Times

A tree at Derby Circle in Crystal Beach was lit on Monday evening in memory of Cindy "Sophiee" McCooey. The annual tree lighting is held each year in honour of Sophiee, who died of cancer 2009. Her mother, Diane Nowicki wanted a way to honour her daughter, and with the help of pastor Martha Lockwood, hosts the event each year.

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Nadine Pizzicarola

December, oh glorious December.

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We all have a lot to be thankful for. So bring it on Santa.

I feel like we had a great start into the Christmas season with this year's Spirit of Christmas.

Our children's musical contributions were beautiful as always, the Christmas tree at our new town square looked great and there was a lot of hustle and bustle on the street.

We would like to thank the Ridgeway Business Improvement Association for all their hard work. It really paid off.

A big thank you to all you lovely people in Fort Erie who came out and made The Spirit of Christmas a great family affair.

A special thank you goes out to all the vendors who were part of the Annual Christmas Market at The Sanctuary – Centre for the Arts. You all made it our best market yet.

The Fort Erie Arts Council gave our kids the opportunity to be creative and make they own beautiful Christmas presents with their Creative Kids Craft Corner.

And let's not forget Roy Trider who was spinning Christmas tunes all day.

All and all, it was a great weekend. So again, thank you to everyone who was part of it.

I won't keep you long—It's a busy time of the year.

Just a few quick announcements and then you can go back to baking delicious cookies or wrapping presents.

First up, is the Showcase Christmas Performance on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. prepared by our two Kids' drama classes.

As far as I can tell, the kids and the ladies from Down The Rabbit Hole Theatre Company have worked very hard on their performances.

Tickets are $2 per person and can be purchased at the door and the ladies will be collecting non-perishable food items for Community Outreach Program Erie.

There will also be some yummy goodies available for sale—made with love for this jolly season.

We picked the perfect date — De. 20—for you to let your hair down and get all Irish with Finnegan's Wake.

Always a good time. The event is courtesy of Brimstone Brewing Company. Admission is free.

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We are working very hard on the line up for 2015 – which is lurking around the corner.

So far, we bave three pretty great shows confirmed if I dare say so myself.

All three acts have played The Sanctuary before and we loved them so much that we had tohave them back.

And here there are: Jane's Party on March 7, Ashley MacIsaac on March 27 and Alex Cuba on April I I.

If you are looking for great gift ideas and don't enjoy going to the mall that much, try your own downtown Ridgeway.

You can also get gift certifies, tickets and such for all classes, shows and the Tap Room at The Sanctuary as well.

Make sure you check our website www.thesanctuaryarts.org here and there as we will release dates for new Kidoodle kids' art classes, drama classes, shows and more.

If you don't hear from me until the New Year, let me wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, a Great Holiday and a happy and healthy new year—on behalf of every one at the Sanctuary and of course myself.

Nadine Pizzicarola is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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Fire Chief Larry Coplen said the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for a structural fire at 20 Torrance St. at 7:03 p.m. Saturday.

It took 31 firefighters about 45 minutes to extinguish the flames. No injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

The Fort Erie Fire Department has responded to 10 structural fires since Oct. 12.

"Although this is an unusual amount of fires we have faced in the last two months, I don't think there is cause for people to be concerned," Coplen said.

According the to fire chief, four of the 10 fires have been considered arson and are not connected to each other, four of the fires "are not suspicious" and the cause of one fire "remains undetermined."

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DECEMBER 22
TURKEY DINNER

The Ridgeway Lions Club with the Lighthouse Diner Soup Kitchen are hosting a free turkey dinner for the community at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre, 99 Ridge Rd. South. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free transit tickets available for those in need at South Niagara Life Centre, 143 Gilmore Rd.; The Salvation Army, 255 Gilmore Rd.; Community Outreach Program Erie, 32 Dufferin St.; both Avondales in Ridgeway and Crystal Beach. Tickets must be validated at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre to return on transit.

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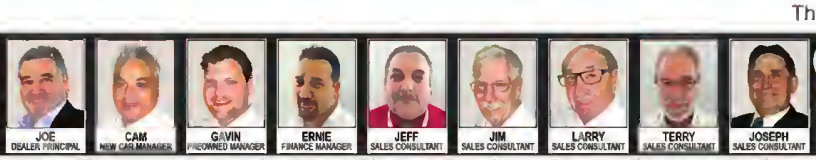

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LILLI BARNETT Special to The Times

Jackson and grandparents Wendy and Fletcher spent the evening in downtown Ridgeway enjoying all the events offered by the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area for the Ridgeway Spirit of Christmas on Friday.

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A bouquet for local shoppers. Thank you to everyone who shops locally this season. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Brick for fire

A brick for all of the fires that we have had in Fort Erie lately. It really is unfortunate that so many homes and businesses are being impacted by these awful events.

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Penalty woes costly for Meteors in setback

Cathy McCabe
Special to The Times

The Fort Erie Meteors suffered a tough defeat at the hands of the St. Catharines Falcons on Saturday.

The Meteors lost 7-0, attempting only 11 shots on goal compared to the Falcons' 33 shots.

Dave Keracher, assistant coach of the Fort Erie Junior B team, said the Meteors need to stay out of the penalty box.

"There are good penalties and bad penalties. We can't take a bad penalty."

The Meteors bad 14 penalties with 11 of them taking place in the third period. The Falcons received seven penalties.

Falcons' Scott Grieve opened the scoring with a goal at 8:43 in the first.

Despite being short-handed, Falcons' Tyler Hildebrant scored at 11:42. Then Tyler Morrison scored again for St. Catharines at 17:45.

Tyler Jackson scored the only goal of the second period at 16:46.

Keracher said, "We only lost the second period 1-0, which was a great period by our goalie. Mackenzie Savard played absolutely fantastic in the second period. I'm not saying he played a great game, but he was outstanding in the second period."

CATHY MCCABE
Special to The Times

Fort Erie Meteors' Vincent Robbins attempts to steal the puck away from St. Catharines Falcons' Jake Evans.

Jake Evans scored at 5:30 in the third on a double power play. Morrison carved out his second goal of the night at 14:25 and Brandon Cercone scored on a power play with 20 seconds left in the game.

Keracher said the Meteors need to stay disciplined.

"Discipline is a big thing because [the Falcons] are good. They are very potent on the power play. They can score goals on the power play when they want to. When we go in the box, we're going to end up down a goal or two or three."

Keracher said, "We're playing minus a couple players and then when we lose a couple more [to penalties and game misconducts], it ties our hands."

Tristan Drescher, Jared Marino, Dan Defranco and Wade Kenny were not in the lineup on Saturday.

The Meteors suffered another loss when high scorer Devin Darrah recently decided to quit the team.

Keracher said, "It's a tough loss to lose, but we'll pick it up. We'll need someone to step up in the dressing room and someone will step up."

Fort Erie will be playing Caledonia next in an away game on Dec.12 at 7:30p.m.

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After that date the Public Guardian and Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which s/he then shall have had notice.

Anyone having knowledge of a Will or next-of-kin of the above mentioned is also requested to contact the undersigned.

DATED at Toronto on November 19, 2014.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change its electricity transmission revenue requirement.

Learn More. Have your say.

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to change the amount it recovers from customers in 2015 and 2016 and to approve its customer delivery point performance standards. Canadian Niagara Power Inc. is requesting a revenue requirement decrease in 2015, followed by an increase in 2016. Typical residential customers' bills will not change as a result of the requests because Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s total requested revenues constitute less than 0.5% of the total cost of transmission in Ontario. Other customers, including businesses, may be similarly affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING
The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s request. We will question the company on its revenue requirement. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent customers in Ontario. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what level of revenue requirement will be allowed.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY
You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process. You can:

- Review Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s application on the OEB's website now.
- File a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- Become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by December 22, 2014 or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s revenue requirement is recovered through the delivery line of your bill. Our file number for this case is EB-2014-0204. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number EB-2014-0204 from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS
There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Canadian Niagara Power Inc. has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why.

PRIVACY
If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter or the documents you file with the OEB will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All claims against the Estate of WILLIAM G. CARRICK, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 3rd day of November 2014, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before January 23rd, 2015, thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said Estate, having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED at Fort Erie, this 18th day of November, 2014.

Gerald F. Ruch
Estate Trustee of the Estate of William G. Carrick
by his solicitor,
GERALD RUCH LAW OFFICE —
Gerald F. Ruch
43 Jarvis Street, P.O. Box 8;
FORT ERIE, Ontario
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the estate of Jaime Solis a.k.a. Jamie Humberto Solis, Electronic Engineer, Deceased,

All persons having claims as creditors against the estate of the above mentioned, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died at the said Town of Fort Erie, on August 13, 2014, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before January 21, 2015.

After that date the Public Guardian and Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which s/he then shall have had notice.

Anyone having knowledge of a Will or next-of-kin of the above mentioned is also requested to contact the undersigned.

DATED at Toronto on November 19, 2014

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Fort Erie Shopping Times – December 27, 2014
Deadline: Tuesday, December 23rd ~ 11 am

Fort Erie Times – December 25, 2014
Deadline: Thursday December 18th ~ 12 pm

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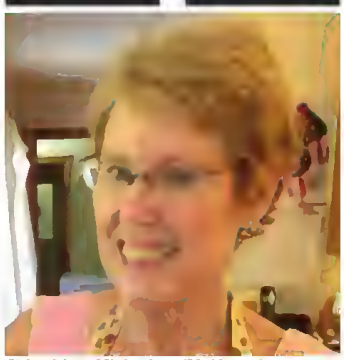
Obituaries

CHURCH, Pauline "Polly" (nee Ladyka) - age 97, on Friday, November 21, 2014, at Niagara General Hospital. Polly was born in Saskatchewan but lived most of her life in Crystal Beach, Ontario with her Husband, Neil, who predeceased her in February 1997, and her three daughters, Lesley Campbell of Palm Harbor, Florida, Sharon Campbell of Jacksonville, Florida, and Glenda Sherk, who sadly passed away in September 2001. In addition to Lesley and Sharon, Polly is also survived by her sister, Pearl Challenger of British Columbia, her five grandchildren, Debra Horton, John Horton, Kristine Litchfield-Horton, David Sherk and Stephen Sherk, her three great-grandchildren, Lesley Windle-Cullis, Zachary Litchfield and Kristyn Litchfield, her many beloved nephews and nieces, especially Sharon Paradis of Oakville, Ontario, and many dear and close friends. At the request of the family, cremation has taken place. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements.

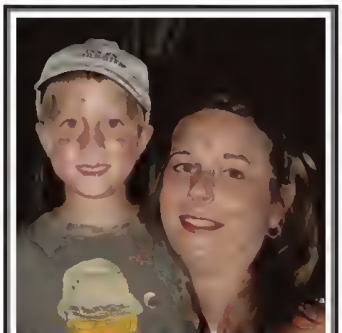
HAMM, William Clarance - Passed away at the Crescent Park Lodge on December 8th, 2014 at the age of 88. Survived by his sister Doris Mead. Predeceased by his parents William and Beatrice, sisters Marie Lambert (Kenneth), Catharine Schroyer (Ambrose) and Leona Minor (Leo). William was born and raised on the family farm where he continued farming long after his Father's death. The stories and memories will live on with his many nieces and nephews. William also worked at the Maple Leaf Mills from 1950 – 1962. The family extend their thanks to the wonderful staff at Crescent Park Lodge and Dr. Spencer for taking care of William. Respecting William's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held in the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES CHAPEL**, 722 Ridge Rd. on Saturday December 13th at 11 o'clock. A reception will follow. Interment to take place afterwards at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery. If so desired, a donation to the Alzheimer's Society in William's memory would be appreciated by the family.

Obituaries



Schmidt, Michelle (McHenry) Passed away peacefully after a long fight with cancer on November 27, 2014. Predeceased by parents Robert & Jean McHenry, sister Doris, and sister Cathy. Will be sadly missed by John, Jean, Robert, Kevin, Maureen, Marilyn, and MaryPat. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Canadian Cancer Society.

In Memoriams



Anne Marie Cotton Lambert

In loving memory of Anne Marie
April 24, 1971 - December 10, 2009

The special years will not return when we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts you will walk with us forever.

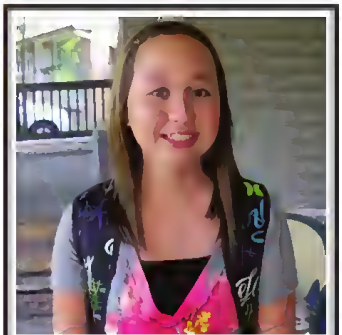
Love Mom & Jackson

In Memoriams

In loving memory of
Connie Thomson (O'Grady)
July 1960 - December 2009

Sad are the hearts of her parents,
Yet brave as she'd want us to be,
Consoled by the thought of meeting
On the shore of eternity.

Mom and Dad and Family



Kelsey Lana Hill
November 17, 1998 – December 13, 2011

What I wouldn't give for one more night
To tuck you in all nice and tight
I'd give you kisses and sing our song
And tell you I love you and to be strong
I'd tell you not to worry, and that we're all okay
And even though I wanted to I couldn't make you stay
I know that you are happy now, and you're in no more pain
And this again I promise you, your loss was not in vain
So take my word here and now
I make this to you my solemn vow
Forever shall I love you, and keep your memory
Until that day that once more, I can hold you close to me.

Miss you and love you Kelsey
every second of every day.
Mom, Dad, Megan, Corrie, Max
and Precious

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In Memoriams

Kelsey Lana Hill
December 13, 2011

Looking back on the past three years, we remember you with love in our hearts.
Your courage and bravery continue to inspire all who knew you, through the dedication your family brings to Team Kelsey everyday.

We love you always Derek, Lana, Max, Megan and Corrie.
Love Amy, Lucas, Arica, April, Andy, Zach and Diane

Margaret Gregg
In memory of Margaret, who passed away 1 year ago on December 15, 2013

The world may change from year to year
And friends from day to day,
But never will the one I loved
From memory pass away.

Sadly missed by Larry, Carroll, Evelyn, Jim, Greg and loving husband Richard Gregg.

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A year on Twitter Canadian style

Hashing it out

Top 10 fastest-rising hashtag trends in Canada

1. **#BB16** *Season 16 of the reality television series, Big Brother*
2. **#WorldCup** *2014 World Cup*
3. **#Sochi2014** *2014 Winter Olympics*
4. **#GoHabsGo** *Celebratory cheer for Montreal Canadiens*
5. **#Oilers** *Edmonton Oilers*
6. **#TOpoli** *Used during Toronto Municipal Elections*
7. **#MH370** *Malaysian Airlines plane that disappeared on March 8*
8. **#cdnpoli** *Canadian politics*
9. **#NHLjets** *Winnipeg*
10. **#Canucks** *Vancouver Canucks*

Can you retweet that?

Top Retweeted Tweets from Canadian accounts

1. **@justinbieber**
   YOU ARE ALL WORTHY NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS >> BE STRONG GOD IS WITH US ALL> MY BELIEBERS CHANGED MY LIFE> I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL
   485,846 Retweets
2. **@Drake**
   Or Nah . . . ?
   Drake hints at collaboration with Ty Dolla Sign and The Weeknd
   87,539 Retweets
3. Canada at NATO @ Follow
   Geography can be tough. Here's a guide for Russian soldiers who keep getting lost & 'accidentally' entering #Ukraine

42 408 20 146

   42,415 Retweets

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Canadian accounts with the most followers

1. **@JustinBieber** 57,500,000
2. **@drake** 18,400,000
3. **@AvrilLavigne** 17,300,000
4. **@jimcarrey** 13,300,000
5. **@carlyraejepsen** 10,600,000
6. **@TheRock** 7,900,000
7. **@ninadobrev** 5,100,000
8. **@pattiemallette** 3,300,000
9. **@nellyfurtado** 3,300,000
10. **@deadmau5** 3,100,000
11. **@BRUNOIERULLO** 3,000,000
12. **@nathanfillion** 2,700,000
13. **@shaymitch** 2,500,000
14. **@jeremybieber** 2,400,000
15. **@sethrogen** 2,400,000

Yes, Harper tweets too

Stephen Harper's most Retweeted Tweet:

Like I said, #teamusa is good but #wearewinter. @BarackObama, I look forward to my two cases of beer. #CANvsUSA #Sochi2014

The tweetest moments

Top 7 most Tweeted about moments

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5. **Feb. 20:** Canadian women's hockey team beats USA 3-2 winning the Olympic gold medal
6. **Feb. 21:** Canadian men's hockey team beats USA 1-0 winning Olympic hockey semi-final game
3. **June 5:** Manhunt for shooters of RCMP officers in Moncton
2. **Feb. 23:** Canadian men's hockey team beats Sweden 3-0 winning the Olympic gold medal
7. **June 12:** Brazil beats Croatia 3-1 to win opening match of World Cup
4. **July 13:** Germany beats Argentina 1-0 to win the World Cup
1. **Oct. 22:** Shooting on Parliament Hill

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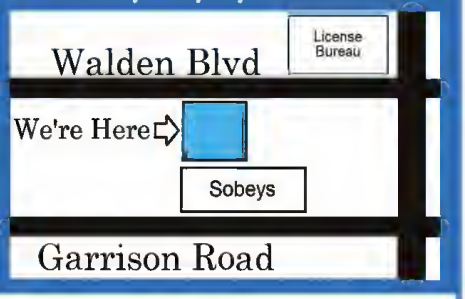

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